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For (Title): A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-8; 6 sheets) are attached.
☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
☒ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/459,260 filed April 2, 2003.
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
☒ This patent application is assigned to GYRUS ENT L.L.C.
☒ The prior application is assigned of record to GYRUS ENT L.L.C., BARTLETT, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES and recorded at Reel 013650, Frame 0276.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
☒ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. _____ filed _____ in _____ is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
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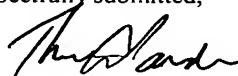
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